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Honorable Comer H. "Randy" Randall
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Ex Parte Prohibitions
Docket Nos. 2019-184-E, 2019-185-E and 2019-186-E

Dear Chairman Randall:

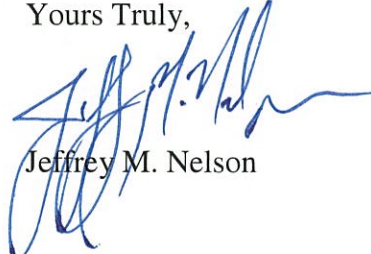
Act 62 provides that the "qualified independent third party is subject to the same ex parte prohibitions contained in Chapter 3, Title 58 as all other parties." S.C. Code 58-41-20 (I).

Act 62 provides that the Commission's expert is permitted to engage in ex parte communications with the parties in these dockets. Nonetheless, ORS requests that ORS and all parties be copied on communications between the independent expert and any of the parties.¹ To the extent any such communications have already occurred between the independent expert and any party to the above proceedings, ORS respectfully requests that those communications be shared with all parties subject to the need for an executed confidentiality agreement or non-disclosure agreement. Confidential information provided to ORS by the utility is subject to the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. §58-4-55 (Supp. 2018) and as such, no confidentiality agreement is required.

¹ Counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas and Duke Energy Progress sought clarification that all parties should be included on correspondence with the independent expert and counsel for the Commission, Mr. Stark, agreed, but currently there is no order or hearing officer directive addressing communications with the independent expert in the above-referenced dockets.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours Truly,



Jeffrey M. Nelson

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